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CITY'S SPECIAL CENSUS STARTS

A Penny for your Thoughts

Deciding to see what time of life people enjoyed most, the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked:

"If you could choose any age in your life that you would like to be, how old would you want to be? Why?"
Cedric Mossberg, Redondo Beach, machinist:
"I think the time when you are finishing your schooling is the best. You are using your head then. The greatest enjoyment is mental exercise. Later, you're just a cog in a wheel."



Marlene Selfors, 9, 1827 W. 238th St., Wood School student:

"I'd like to be 21. I'd like to be any age to be bigger than I am now. If I was 21, I could go to dances and I would already have gone to college. I'd be grown up."



Frank Bass, Hermosa Beach, pipe fitter:

"The best age is about 20, when you are in real good shape, making money, and haven't any worries in the world. It seems like everything always works out best around that age."



Rita Lebanon, 2155 Lomita Blvd., restaurant worker:

"I'd like to be 18 again and know what I know now. I'd have gone to college and would really be somebody. When you get older, it's too late to do a lot of things."



George Hinkley, 1626 W. 213th St., barber:

"I like whatever age I happen to be. The best age is about 25, probably, because that's when you reach your peak—your acme of maturity."



Evelyn Selfors, 1827 W. 238th St., housewife:

"I suppose I'd like to be about 23. If I could live my life over again, I would have gone to school and taken up some special course. There are always things you'd do differently."



Probe of Area School Courses Urged by Board

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday authorized Dr. C. C. Trillingham, County Superintendent of Schools, and the County Board of Education to call a well-planned conference to review the mathematics and science curricula of the 112 public school districts in Los Angeles County to

develop a new approach to scientific knowledge and training. Pointing out that Russia produced 20,000 more scientists than the United States this past year, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn declared that the conference should re-evaluate the methods of training and educating young people who have the capacities and aptitudes in the mathematical and science fields.

Students Lost
"Many young people who have great abilities in math and science do not complete their educations, because of financial problems and other reasons, and as a result the United States is deprived of a great source of scientific talent and ability," Hahn declared.

He stated that he felt that a new approach was needed to insure that all young people with outstanding abilities in the field of science would be able to complete their education and training.

Reappraisal Urged
"Perhaps we also need a reappraisal of the methods of granting scholarships and fellowships to assist in this problem," Hahn stated, while urging the study.

"We have some of the finest universities and colleges in the nation in Los Angeles County. There are many outstanding educators in the public school systems of Los Angeles County who will be able to make important contributions to the conference."

Supervisor Hahn stated that the conference should include all schools of higher education, including high schools, colleges, and universities in Los Angeles County, as well as the 112 public school districts.

Two Arrested On Suspicion Of Burglary

Two men have been arrested on suspicion of burglary and local officers have 169 dimes, 26 nickels and 2325 pennies as evidence.

In custody are Ernest William Gallo, 35, of Los Angeles, and Edwip Kerr, 37, of Santa Monica.

The two are suspected of burglarizing coin machines in a Walleria drugstore Tuesday. They were arrested shortly after the burglary by Officer Kenneth Halbert who identified their car from an earlier police broadcast.

Arresting officers found the coins in the car when they searched the pair.

Rivets Reports

Variable high cloudiness is in the cards today, declared Rivets, HERALD weather dog, as he studied his hand. Temperatures should remain about the same as yesterday — in the low 70's.

High and low temperatures for the week included Sunday (72-45); Monday (70-50); Tuesday (76-42); and Wednesday (68-50).



CENSUS TAKERS . . . Benjamin Kundin, supervisor of the special census to be taken in Torrance starting today, and Mrs. Gordon Northington, enumerator, look over a map of the city. The census will take about a month and is expected to show a population of about 92,000 residents, which would be an increase of about 10,000 since last year. (Herald Photo)

Census Takers to Start Counting Noses in City

The Bureau of the Census will start counting noses today in Torrance. They won't get too nosy, however, but ladies will have to reveal their ages.

A special census will be taken in the city, which has grown an estimated 10,000 persons since the last census a year ago. The additional population would entitle the city to some \$70,000 extra in tax funds which are distributed on the basis of population.

Five Censuses

This will be the city's fifth special census since 1950, when the official population was 22,241. Since then special censuses have jumped to 31,834 (1952); 44,914 (1953); 67,459 (1955); and 82,241 (1956). City officials believe the population now exceeds 92,000.

The census takers, under the direction of Benjamin K. Kundin, will count each person

from the cradle to the grave who lives, permanently or temporarily, in the city. A group of more than 60 local persons have been hired to visit each home in the city for the information.

Questions to be asked include the name, address, sex, race, age, and relationship to the head of the household. The answers to all questions will be kept confidential, Kundin said. All children, including babies, are counted.

He requested that residents tell the census enumerator the names of everyone who is staying at their houses now. Persons also are asked to tell the enumerators about dwellings that might be hard to find—over garages, in basements or upstairs, dwellings behind businesses, or large apartment houses.

Persons who live in hard-to-

find places and are not contacted by a census enumerator are asked to call the city hall, FA 8-5310.

To Take Month

The census-taking operation is expected to take about three or four weeks, with tabulation to take a few days longer.

Kundin, who supervised census taking here once previously, recently has supervised the population counts in San Mateo, Calif., and in Westchester County, N. Y. Census offices will be located in the employee lunchroom of the City Hall.

Cost to the city will be about \$15,000.

VANDALS FAIL IN TRY TO BURN HIGH SCHOOL

The opening of the new South High School, 4810 Pacific Coast Hwy., already delayed four months by a strike, almost was delayed even longer Sunday as vandals attempted to burn down one of the buildings.

Fortunately, the fire failed to spread to some of the lacquer which the culprits, believed to be juveniles, had poured throughout three rooms of the east classroom unit.

Apparently breaking in through a window, the vandals poured lacquer on floors, desks, blueprints, and workbenches and ignited the material. For some reason, the fire failed to spread although firemen reported that the lacquer is extremely explosive under certain conditions.

"Whoever set the fire was lucky he didn't get blown up," one fireman noted.

School officials reported the fire would not delay the construction work much, although cabinets were scorched.

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Torrance Sites Considered for Juvenile Hall

Five sites in Torrance and one in Gardena are being considered as possible sites for a branch juvenile hall, the Board of Supervisors were informed Tuesday.

The County Probation Dept. and the County Division of Property Management listed locations in the area where

15 or 20 acres of land could be acquired for such a facility. Sites in Torrance include the Civic Center, the northwest corner of Western Ave. and 208th St.; southwest of 190th and Western Ave.; southeast of 190th and Arlington Ave. The site in Gardena is north of El Segundo Blvd. at Van Ness.

According to plans, the juvenile hall might be constructed during the next fiscal year.

Man Nabbed On Charge of Check Passing

An 18-year-old youth was arrested, but another escaped with a fire, after an attempt to cash a bogus check at a gas station at 1752 Pacific Coast Hwy., Tuesday.

Attendant Donald J. West told sheriff's deputies that two men came into the station rolling a wheel with a flat tire. They said they wanted a new tire, which West put on the wheel. Then Terry James Craig, 18, San Pedro, tried to give West an \$81 payroll check for the \$26 tire. West checked with the bank and discovered that the check was no good, he said.

West discovered that the second man had fled and when he told Craig he could not accept the check, Craig also ran. West and John Spencer, station manager, gave chase, nabbing Craig at 259th and Cayuga. The other man, however, escaped.

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An all-out search for a 15-year-old reform school escapee wanted for the killing of a 22-month-old Rolling Hills Estates girl continued late yesterday after a day-long search of the Hermosa Beach area failed to turn up the suspect.



MANHUNT FOR MURDERER . . . Police Lt. John Maestri, who was off duty only a few minutes earlier, joins uniformed officers in manning a hastily formed roadblock on Crenshaw Blvd. south of Pacific Coast Hwy. Monday afternoon after a 2-year-old Rolling Hills Estates child was wantonly murdered. The suspect eluded the scores of officers who rushed into the area. (Herald Photo)

Police said John Lawrence Miller, of 2354 Tulane Ave., Long Beach, was identified through a palm print found at

the scene of the wanton killing. He had escaped from the Fred C. Nelles School for Boys in Whittier Sunday while on a 10-hour pass with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller.

Hermosa Beach became the focal point of the search about 9 a.m. yesterday when a used car lot operator reported that a man answering the description of the hunted youth fled from an auto parked on the lot.

More than 100 officers and 25 mobile units from South Bay cities and the Sheriff's office converged on the area and conducted a house-to-house search with drawn guns. Hermosa Chief William Berlin said yesterday afternoon that the search had proved futile.

The youth had been sought since Monday afternoon when the body of Laura Helen Wetzel was found in a house adjacent to her home.

Manhunt Launched
A desperate manhunt had been launched for the young murder suspect within minutes of the discovery Monday afternoon that the 22-month-old Rolling Hills Estates girl had been slain.

The little girl daughter of Air Force Capt. and Mrs. Charles Wetzel, 26501 Dun-

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Torrance Asked to Enter Rose Parade

Torrance has been invited to enter a float in the 1958 Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena, it was learned here this week.

Public disclosure of the invitation was made during the council meeting Tuesday when Councilman Nick Drale asked Assistant City Manager Don Mansfield for a report on an informal meeting that day at the Chamber of Commerce.

Mansfield said the group had reached no decision on how to finance the city's entry, estimated to cost about \$5000.

Drale said later that he had called for the report because he believed the announcement was being withheld until it could be made later this week by Mayor Albert Isen, now out of town on an Air Force trip.

Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said he asked to withhold the announcement because he didn't know how the money was going to be raised. Torrance was invited to enter when an eastern entrant canceled out, Fitzgerald said.

The \$5000 cost could be cut by \$1000 if Torrance groups did the decorating, Mansfield told the council Tuesday.

The council deferred action on the matter. Deadline is reported to be only a few days away.